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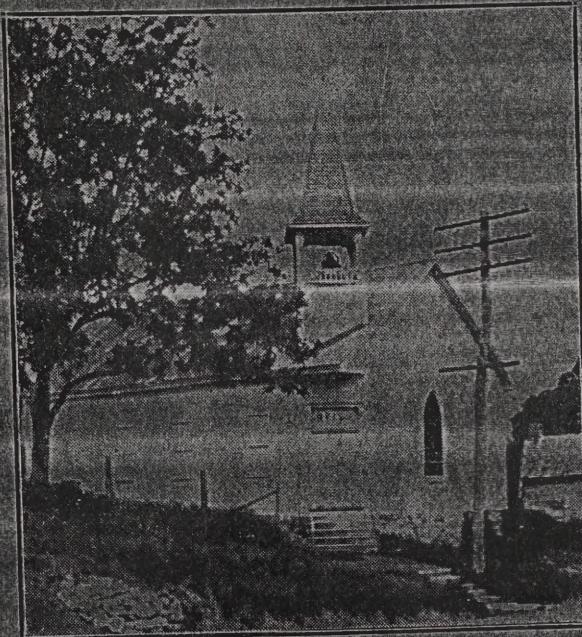


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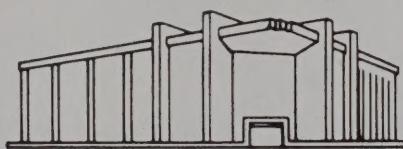


Methodist Episcopal Church

Fannettsburg, Pennsylvania

See page 13 for reference to John Noble, Sr., who donated land for, and helped to build, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fannettsburg, PA, in 1840.

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Celebration
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1837 - 1937
PROGRAM AND HISTORY

THE REV. EDWIN HOLT HUGHES, D.D., LL.D., Resident Bishop of the Washington Area.

THE REV. GEORGE HENRY KETTERER, D.D., Superintendent of the Altoona District, Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

THE REV. JOSEPH A. WAGNER, Pastor.

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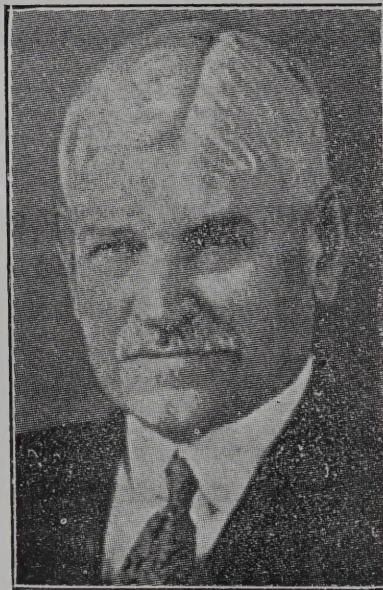
George Runk, Harry Glass, S. Keefer Geyer, Howard Cornelius, Mrs. Mary Wood, Mrs. S. K. Geyer, Mrs. George Runk, and Mrs. Howard Cornelius.

PRESIDENT, LADIES AID SOCIETY: Mrs. Mary Wood.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERSONNEL:

Harry Glass, Superintendent; Howard Cornelius, Asst. Superintendent; Secretary, Esther Cornelius; Treasurer, Wilbur Cornelius; Missionary Superintendent, Mrs. Allie Cornelius.

Teachers: George Runk, Harry Glass, Mrs. Dora Geyer, Mrs. George Runk, and Mary Ellen Traxler.



THE REV. EDWIN HOLT HUGHES,
D.D., LL.D.
RESIDENT BISHOP, WASHINGTON AREA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

I send the warmest greetings to the Pastor and People of our Fannettsburg Church on the occasion of their anniversary. And I pray God's blessing upon them all, to the end that God's work may be richly blessed.

Cordially,

Edwin H. Hughes.
Resident Bishop.



Dear Comrades of The Christ:
It is a pleasure to send a word of greeting on your anniversary. These occasions bid us to look backward with thanksgiving for blessings of the past and forward with high expectation toward the future. May you have a faith that cannot be shaken and may you join with a multitude of others in presenting to our Lord a "reconsecrated, renewed and militant church."

Faithfully yours,

George Henry Ketterer.

REV. GEORGE HENRY KETTERER,
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REV. JOSEPH A. WAGNER, PASTOR

Anniversary Message

As we celebrate the birthday of the Church it is both inevitable and properly fitting that we shall take a backward look, if only for a moment. It has been truly said: "Other men have toiled, and we reap the profit of their toil." On this the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of our Church, while we engage in a festival of good-fellowship, and the songs of Zion's victories echo and re-echo through the ethereal spaces, may there be mingled with them a note of glad thanksgiving for the "great cloud of witnesses" to whom we owe our heritage, by whom we are now surrounded, and who unite with us in our devout praise to God for His loving kindness in blessing the work of the several churches located in beautiful Path Valley, of which company Fannettsburg Methodist Episcopal Church has been, and is, a lively member.

It would be a work wholly superfluous and unnecessary to "call the roll" of the individual 'witnesses'; are not their names graven on the hearts of posterity and inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life? What more could mere mortals say in perfecting that which has been made perfect by the Author and Finisher of their faith—and ours?

Let us remind you again, however, of our debt to those the profits of whose toil we glean today,—the men, women, and children, whose successive struggles, achievements, trials, losses, sorrows, distresses, hopes, fears, joys,

triumphs, failures, heart-breaking disappointments and defeats on the one hand, and happy realizations of hopes and dreams on the other,—whose labors were ever mingled with travail. Included in this group are the former pastors, the Presiding Elders, the Bishops of the Area, who have carefully exercised the Shepherd's Rule over us. They indeed found "balm in Gilead." The Church we honor and cherish to-day, and its life, are monuments to their enterprising faith.

Our responsibility to-day is of a dual character: first, the debt to those who by faith were made "more than conquerors", and, in passing on to the Church Invisible, draped their mantles upon our shoulders. We must be worthy successors! Our second responsibility is to posterity, those who follow in our train. May we, — aye, we must — look to the future years with a lively faith and hope,—a faith in Methodism's continued necessity here in the scheme of things human and divine, and a hope that it will fulfill in its place of service all that its Lord and Master desires that it should. Let us put forth every effort toward the fulfillment of that faith and hope, and pray that it shall not cease its labors until it has established the Kingdom of Heaven within the realm of its God-appointed service.

We render tribute to the honorable names of those many and faithful men and women, true servants of the Great Head of the Church, who have, in the years gone by, in both pulpit and pew, served this Church's interests with unflagging zeal and devotion. That their spiritual descendants, the present members of the Church, shall be worthy of having their names added to that illustrious roll of loyal and true servants of the Most High God, let us ever be found toiling on, in faith, loyal to our sacred trust even unto the end. That those who follow in our train shall "reap the profits of our toil", let us "Study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

"I love Thy Kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.
I love Thy Church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.
For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given; till toils and cares shall end.
Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise."

Finally, brethren, Methodism arose out of two great urges: the first was the religious experience of John Wesley; the second was the vast spiritual destitution of a great Empire. By diligently seeking the first we may avoid the second. Thanks be to God for John Wesley of the "heartwarming experience!" Not all the roads we travel in life's journey lead to Sinais and Hermons; some are rough and steep, and seldom trod; some lead to Gethsemanes and Calvarys; but always there lies before us the road to Emmaus and that winding city thoroughfare to Aldersgate Street, where we may walk with Him and talk with Him who is the constant Companion of every diligent seeker after faith and truth, albeit our feet may sometimes unwillingly propel us in the direction whence the heart leads. Or we may find the secret path to the Upper Room, where we may fellowship with Him, commune with Him; where the friendly Spirit and Kingly Love of our Host imparts to us the knowledge of sin forgiven and the 'heart warming' assurance that we "can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us." It is always so.

Program of Services

Anniversary Week, June 13-20, 1937. Celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of Organization of the Fannettsburg Methodist Episcopal Church.

SUNDAY: 9:30 A. M. and 2:30 P. M. Sermons by The Rev. G. H. Ketterer, D.D., Superintendent Altoona District.

MONDAY: 7:30 P. M. The Rev. Geo. H. Swayne, former pastor. Special music by Bock & Guyer, trio.

TUESDAY: 7:30 P. M. The Rev. F. L. Pannebaker. Special music by Shade Gap Male Quartette.

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 P. M. The Rev. Mr. Kauffman, pastor Spring Run United Brethren Church. Special music by the Spring Run U. B. Choir.

THURSDAY: 7:30 P. M. The Rev. Mr. Strohm, Pastor Lower Path Valley Presbyterian Church. Music by the Presbyterian Choir.

FRIDAY: 7:30 P. M. The Rev. R. W. Hand, Pastor Spring Run Presbyterian Church. Special music by Doyleburg Choir.

SATURDAY: Open Meeting.

SUNDAY: Children's Service, in charge of the Officers and Teachers in the Sunday School.

Methodism in America

Methodists are the largest denomination in membership in America. Their beginnings can be traced to the work of two Irish immigrants Philip Embury, who came to New York in 1760, and Robert Strawbridge, who immigrated to Maryland in 1766. Barbara Heck warned Embury concerning the worldly lives led by his relatives, Embury yielding to her entreaties opened his house for meetings and began religious work which was attended with such success, that in two years a church was built (1768) in New York, the first Methodist Church in America. Methodism grew so rapidly in New York that an appeal was sent to Wesley for help. Acting upon this appeal, the British Conference sent several missionaries to America, among whom was Francis Asbury.

About 1779 a controversy arose as to the standing of the ministers in the American Church and Wesley in order to settle this dispute, ordained Thomas Coke (1784) as superintendent of America, that he in turn might establish a legitimate episcopacy in the colonies. Later Francis Asbury was ordained as bishop and he adopted Wesley's prayer-book, psalm-book, liturgy and an abridged form of the thirty-nine Articles as standards, and thus episcopacy was introduced in America. In 1792 the first General Conference was planned and since that year the General Conference has met quadrennially.

Opposition arose on the policy of church government and also on the slavery question, the former resulted in the establishment of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1830. This split grew out of an adverse vote in General Conference on the question of lay representation, the latter resulted from years of agitation on the slavery question. Bishop Andrews, a southerner, because he was an owner of slaves, was asked to desist from exercising the function of his office, thereupon the southern delegates protested and in 1845 held a protesting conference and formed the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

The Advent of Methodism in Path Valley

The first church services, in Path Valley, were held at Concord, about 1790 by Bishop Francis Asbury, one of several missionaries sent by the British Conference to the colonies. Bishop Asbury, who was a faithful missionary, spreading the Wesleyan faith far and wide, was ordained in New York by Dr. Thomas Coke.

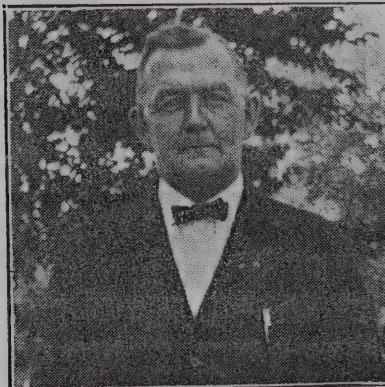
The first Methodist Church, at Concord, was built about 1791 a few hundred feet south of the stone bridge, on the west side of the road. It stood in a pleasant little grove, and was a small church whose exterior, for perhaps a half-century was painted yellow. In 1845 a much more pretentious building was erected in the village of Concord, where services now are held.

The Methodist Protestant has two congregations, one at Doylesburg, the other at Amberson's Valley.

In bygone days there was a Methodist Church in Spring Run. It stood on the ground where now the home of Mrs. W. W. Shearer stands. It was a lime stone structure, in architecture much like the Reformed Church of Fannettsburg. During the '80's and '90's of the last century the G. A. R. Post occupied this building.

The Methodist Church in Fannettsburg was erected in 1840 and down through the years has had an eventful history which will be amplified in another article.

The Methodist Church of Metal was built in 1883, the prime mover in this project was William Hewitt affectionately known far and wide as Billie Hewitt. Billie was therefore the instrument in God's hands in establishing this place of worship and though more than a half century has passed, a life-size photo of Billie still adorns the wall. Mr. Hewitt canvassed Path Valley for funds with considerable success. Daniel Rosenberry furnished the ground on which the Church was built. In 1933, being the fiftieth anniversary of its founding, the church was remodeled and re-dedicated. A very beautiful dedicatory service was conducted. Friends of this congregation from distant points came to this service and helped to make it vocal. Beautiful music was a feature of this service. Mr. Arthur S. Rodeniser, a native, who for some years has resided in Pittsburgh, made a very able and telling address. Rev. J. A. Knisley who was pastor on this charge, when the church was first dedicated delivered the sermon on this occasion. It seems almost a marvel that the same minister should preach two dedicatory sermons, fifty years apart from the same pulpit.



ARTHUR GARVER

FORMER PASTOR



REV. GEORGE VANNOTE

FORMER PASTOR



Dear Brother Wagner: We rejoice with you and yours as you celebrate this happy anniversary. I can say this: The happiest years of my ministry were those spent on the Burnt Cabins Charge. At the Fannettsburg Church we found a faithful and loyal band, always ready to cooperate with anything which would advance the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE H. SWAYNE.

Shirleysburg, Pa.
June 3, 1937.

Dear Christians and Friends of Fannettsburg:

May your grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be multiplied. I greet you, and congratulate you for your loyalty and service in His Kingdom, and for the open door of the church in your little town, I share a unique joy with you upon this celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fannettsburg, for it was here I held my first revival and saw for the first time souls come to the mercy seat in response to my preaching the Gospel of Salvation. I think of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-three as one of the happiest in my life. I make mention of you all in my prayers; with gratitude for your faith and continued glad devotion to our Savior. My prayer for you is that of the Apostle Paul who was called "to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which, from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God." "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."—Ephesians 3:14-19.

C. M. HAMMOND

Dear Brother Wagner:

The invitation to attend the anniversary at Fannettsburg church came yesterday. I appreciate it and would be glad to attend. As the Vacation Bible School will be on at that time, and I am to help out with it, I do not see my way clear to be away at that time. I congratulate the good people of Fannettsburg on their success as a church, and trust they will continue for years to come.

Cordially yours,

W. L. PHILLIPS

Elysburg, Pa.

With a sense of joy and Spiritual pride, I convey Christian greetings to the Fannettsburg Congregation. I remember your loyalty to things Spiritual and social for the promotion of God's Holy Kingdom.

My earnest desire and prayer for you is, that you will continue to attain success by promoting the interests of the Kingdom of Heaven.

May this anniversary be a noble feature in the history of your Church and an event long remembered with profit and pleasure.

Your former Pastor and Friend,
L. E. SEARCH.



Dear Bro. Wagner:

I delayed answering your letter for a few days thinking that I could see a way to preach an evening for you, but I cannot get away this month. I cannot tell you how much I am disappointed for I also expected to visit my home at Rockhill Furnace for I have not been there since last fall. I have not had a snap-shot taken of me for so long that I really think it would be a serious strain on the camera. Give my love and best wishes to all of the people there. Do you know that my Father lived on that charge for many years when he was a boy? I went there as a boy too and I will never forget how faithful they were to their church services and how loyal they were to Christ.

We are planning for Children's Day Services, Daily Vacation Bible School starts Monday the 14th, and will last for two weeks, we are raising money to send some of our young people to Newton Hamilton the last week of this month and we have the blue prints for our church and I am very anxious to get the contract let and work started this month. I am planning to go to Cornell University Town and Country Ministers School, July 19-30. I went last year and am very anxious to finish their three years course. I have five of the nine credits.

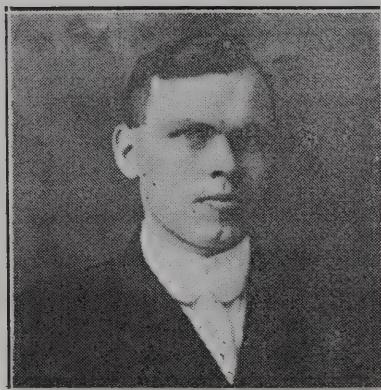
If I get a chance to get home later in the year I want to run out and see you. With best wishes for your success,

WALTER R. BYERS

Morris, Pa. June 8, 1937

To the Fannettsburg Methodist Church, "Congratulations" from a former pastor who holds fond memories of the four years he spent working with the people of Fannettsburg. It indeed is a pull at my heart strings when I think of you celebrating the one hundredth anniversary. What a glorious fellowship and reunion will be yours which will only help you think of what a fellowship will be ours when we meet where parting is no more. God bless you and yours as you endeavor to carry on the work. "Others have labored and we enter into their labor."

Sincerely yours,
IRA R. DUVALL.



Greetings and congratulations to the good people of the Fannettsburg Methodist Episcopal Church. May it be God's will that you shall hold high the ideals of Methodism in your community for another century. Methodism has a work to do, and may you do your part.

Sincerely,
REV. O. R. WILLIAMS

*Sincere Christian Greetings to pastor and all of
God's beloved children of the Fannettsburg
Methodist Episcopal Churchs*

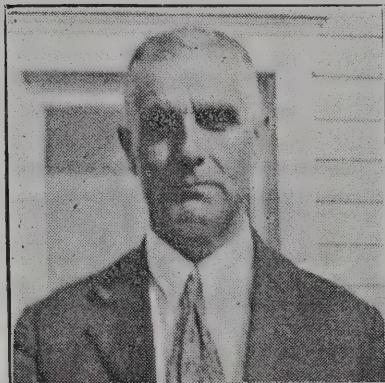
The sweet and sacred memories of the blessed manifestations of God's presence and power in our midst, the times of highest spiritual fellowship and friendship enjoyed and entered into, the many kindnesses shown during the period of time we were co-laborers together with God in the great work of Kingdom building in that portion of His moral vineyard still linger in my heart and life.

Therefore, on this occasion, great spiritual blessing alone having been a realization in God's plan, because God's children have labored and toiled, and served Him with faithful hearts for years, I sincerely wish and pray that continued blessings of God's presence and power may abide with all forevermore.

Sincerely yours,
A. E. FLECK
Tyrone, Pa., June 2, 1937.



J. T. T. CUMMINGS
FORMER PASTOR



THE CRURCH AS I KNOW IT . . . BY HARRY GLASS, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The influence of this church whose deeds we are about to celebrate, can never be known in their fullness. She has been a power for good in Path Valley; she has done her full share in sending out those who are helpers in other parts of the Lord's vineyard.

I united with the church during the pastorate of the Rev. Ira Duvall, in the year 1917. Rev. Duvall is one whom I hold in highest regard; a man of kindness and love, and spiritual strength of purpose; a minister who was greatly loved by the people of Fannettsburg. This old church is to me a place of precious and sacred memories.

Sincerely,

HARRY GLASS

Fannettsburg, Pa., June 7, 1937.

Dear Friends:

I am sending you these lines with best wishes and God's richest blessings upon you and your One Hundredth Anniversary.

Twenty-four years ago it was my privilege to serve as Pastor, and it is with deep regret that I find it impossible to be present as Kenneth our older son, graduates from Drexel Institute, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Himes joins me in extending these best wishes on this happy occasion.

Sincerely,

CHARLES F. HIMES

Montoursville, Pa., June 3, 1937.

Dear Brother Wagner and Friends of Fannettsburg:

Congratulations for completing the hundredth year of service in Path Valley. The forebears of your present workers laid down offerings that represented great sacrifice and hard work; they bent their backs and strained their muscles to build the earliest Church in which Fannettsburg Methodists worshipped. I have worked shoulder to shoulder with members of the present body as they consecrated honorable labor to the improvement of God's House, so I know that what their fathers started the present generation is carrying on. I know, too, that while the times have been changed very radically, you have carried on an evangelistic zeal that bears witness to your heritage. Our prayer and hope is that you will forge onward with an unwavering loyalty to Christ and His Kingdom.

I cannot refrain from making personal references, for these intimate features go to make up the relationship of pastor and people. In Fannettsburg Mrs. Fuller and I met our first painful experience together, passing close to the "Valley of Shadows." In Fannettsburg we found dearest friends, ready to help; speedy to sympathize; Christian in kindness. Among the young people of Fannettsburg we found willing, enthusiastic response to our call for devoted service; faltering at times, but encouragingly loyal. Among the mature and aging we found patience and understanding; even the willingness to overlook our errors of inexperience. The sacrificial support given in those days of dire financial distress will long be remembered. Yes, among our souvenirs, cherished far more for its meaning than for its actual value, is an old fashioned dollar bill that I have carried with me into the pulpit regularly since my last Sunday in Fannettsburg, a symbol of loving loyalty. Perhaps only one man knows about it, for he, himself struggling to support his family in perilous times, took this relic in the lack of any other cash, and gave it to us on Fannettsburg salary, knowing that we were in need. Never has hunger, or any other lure, been able to persuade us to part with this reminder of a loyal heart. It symbolizes the loyalty of others among your number.

We now live in the semi-prairies, missing our mountains. But we find the same sorrows and the same joys. Incidentally, beside the "Fannettsburg Dollar" there rests a mate, given us last Christmas by a woman who said: "Mother gave me this just the year before she died; we would never spend it, but we want to give it to you and Mrs. Fuller as an expression of our appreciation. These dollars will never be spent; they spell, either in Fannettsburg or in Illinois, a vital Christian virtue: loyalty. When they leave our hands they will go either to the givers or their children, with these words: "May you ever be as loyal to Christ as the giver of this was to one of His messengers."

On this, your Hundredth Anniversary, may you pledge anew your loyalty to the Christ whose name you bear. We expect soon to enter foreign missionary service, but wherever we go, be it on the other side of the world, our prayers and best wishes will be with you.

Yours in the service of Christ.

CHARLES E. AND EDNA FULLER

Shirland, Ill., June 9, 1937.

Historical Sketch of the Fannettsburg Methodist Episcopal Church

The Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1840, the realization of the dreams of those who for several years before this date had organized a Society and held services in the local school house.

When plans had been completed for the erection of a church building, Mr. John Noble, Sr., donated the ground on which the present church edifice now stands and in various ways gave substantial aid to the completion of the project. The timbers used in the erection of the building came from nearby forests; the work of felling the trees, hewing the timbers, and putting them in place was, in great part, the labor of Mr. Noble and Mr. George Dunkle. Incidentally, Brother Noble, who died June 2, 1861, at the advanced age of 76 years, worshipped in the Church for more than a score of years prior to his demise.

In 1882 it was necessary to repair and renovate the sanctuary, and the completion of this enterprise resulted in a house of worship more comfortable and inviting to those who sought "the house of refuge."

By 1901 it became necessary to remodel the church, with a view to the enlargement of its seating capacity. This was accomplished without encountering any great difficulties. Formerly the location of the building was several yards removed from the street property line. In the erection of a new addition to the building this vacant ground was utilized, and the church now abuts the street. A beautiful memorial window was installed, a steeple with bell was erected, the Church was painted within and without, and presented a very pleasing appearance from the street or the pew.

In more recent years the seating arrangement, with the chancel, has been reversed. The pulpit and platform are now occupying what was formerly the rear of the building. Due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Dora Geyer and her Club, composed of young girls of the Sunday School, the co-operation of the Officials and members of the Church, and our friends in the community, the church has been but recently painted and papered. The pleasing background of the pulpit platform, the beautiful windows and the decorative art panel are the net result of co-operative labor and fidelity to purpose on the part of the same group.

The Fannettsburg congregation was never very large, numerically, but what it lacked in numbers it has striven to make up in fervor. The mere mention of the names of a few of its early pastors is sufficient to account for the latter fact: The Reverends Parker, Butler, Dyson, Deems, Creveling, King, Stevens, and Wilhelm, all of whom sought diligently to keep alive and active the faith that was their heritage from Bishop Francis Asbury, "The Prophet of the Long Road," who introduced Methodism into Path Valley. The Rev. J. E. Gearhart, also a former pastor, was the donor of the present pulpit Bible.

In former years an Epworth League flourished in this church, as is attested by the Chapter Certificate which still adorns the wall, but in recent years the League has not functioned.

In 1899, because of a lack in numbers, the Sunday School also ceased to function. But, during the decade which followed, the Church took on new life and interest in the Sunday School work revived, with the result that, in 1914, the school again resumed activities.

At the re-opening of the school in 1914, Mr. S. Keefer Geyer was elected Superintendent, and the late lamented Dennie Wood was elected Assistant Superintendent. The school became, under the direction of these men, a lively and effective adjunct to the Church, and has remained such under the guidance of various leaders. The present active organization is under the leadership of Mr. Harry Glass, Superintendent, and Mr. Howard Cornelius, Assistant Superintendent. Thus the work begun by Messrs. Geyer and Wood in 1914, and continuing under their guidance until 1923, "carries on."

A resume of Sunday School activities would not be complete without a reversion to the work of the late Mrs. Samuel A. Pisle, whose name had been synonymous with Sunday School work in Franklin County for the quarter century immediately preceding her demise. Mrs. Pisle will be missed at Sunday School Conventions or wherever religious educational work is in progress, but she will be especially missed by those to whom she was an intimate but wise counsellor. She will be held in grateful remembrance by this school.

In addition to the names already mentioned of those who at various times and in divers manner were prominently identified with the work of this church and school, and have diligently sought to make the church of greater significance than a mere building in the community of which it is a part, any historical sketch should be incomplete did it fail to mention the names of the following outstanding characters and co-operative builders of Early Methodism in Fannettsburg: George Dunkle, Elizabeth Dunkle, David Stewart, Catherine Stewart, Elizabeth Lessig, Maggie Lessig, Maria Lessig, Samuel W. Donathen, Hettie Donathen, Fletcher Noble, Margaret Noble, Mary S. Jones, William Fleming, Ellen Fleming, Charles Fleming, Jane Everett, Crawford Everett, Matthew Sharp, Mary A. Sharp, John P. Miller, Belle Miller (died Feb. 7, 1937, aged 93 years), Mary G. Donathen, Robert Miller, Jennie Miller, Rhoda Miller, William Lessig, Charlotte Jones, Margaret McGowan, Dennie Wood, Mrs. Anna Donathen, and Matthias Snyder.

Lack of space forbids that a fitting memorial to each of the foregoing be inscribed here, but the memory of all these sainted men and women should be an inspiration to us to work in harmony, and keep together this church, for which they made many brave and noble sacrifices, and to which they dedicated lives of devotion.

Fannettsburg Church is an appointment which with four others compose the Burnt Cabins Methodist Episcopal Charge, Metal, Neelyton, Shade Gap, and Burnt Cabins, in the Altoona District of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference of Methodism. While there may be other charges embracing a larger number of churches, not many equal and very few surpass the number of counties, portions of which are included in one pastoral field. A glimpse at the above named appointments reveals the fact that the Burnt Cabins Charge extends into three counties, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Franklin. The parsonage is located at Burnt Cabins. The present pastor entered upon his second year, May 1, 1937, having been re-appointed at the recent session of the Annual Conference at Altoona, in April.

Present Membership List of Fannettsburg Methodist Episcopal Church

Mrs. Ella Boyles	Mrs. Harry Glass
Mr. Howard Cornelius	Pauline Glass
Mrs. Howard Cornelius	Catherine Geyer
Mr. Oscar Cornelius	Mary Hammond
Mr. M. Allen Cornelius	Harry Miller
Mrs. Catherine Cornelius	Gladys Miller
John H. Dean Cornelius	Helen Irene Mort
Mr. Harry Donathen	Elizabeth C. North
Ethel Donathen	Mr. George Runk
Elda Donathen	Mrs. George Runk
Rosella Donathen	Mrs. Grace Trexler
Dora Everett	Mrs. Mary Wood
Emerson Everett	Mary Wood
Mr. S. K. Geyer	Andrew J. Wood
Mrs. Dora Geyer	John A. Wood, Jr.
Harry Geyer	Laura M. Wood
Ray Geyer	Mrs. Alice Wood
Harry Glass	Mrs. Sara E. Wood

Personnel of the Sunshine Girls' Class

Kathryn Geyer, President.	Mary Ellen Traxler, Secretary.
Zeita Hammond, vice-President.	Esta Cornelius, Treasurer.
Helen Mort.	Louise Barrax.
	Hazel Traxler.

We hereby acknowledge our debt, and in this manner express our thanks to Brother Cal Neal both for his co-operation and painstaking effort in the preparation of the historical matter contained in this booklet.

Our thanks to Mrs. Ellen Markey, Fannettsburg, and Mrs. Sadie Rutter, Doylesburg, for their contributions toward the expense of printing this booklet.

IN MEMORIAM

Members who have entered into rest from their earthly labors in recent years:

Mr. Denny Wood, September, 1931.
Mr. Matthias Snyder, December, 1934.
Mrs. Rhoda Miller, December 10, 1934.
Mrs. Jennie Miller, April 15, 1935.
Mrs. Amelia Ann Haiston, July 13, 1936.
Mrs. Belle Miller, February 7, 1937.



The subject of this sketch, Samuel W. Donathen and Henrietta Jones were married Sept. 1st, 1872, by the Rev. Wm. H. Stevens, then pastor of the Fannettsburg Methodist Episcopal Church. Converted in early youth in this Church, they maintained exemplary Christian characters until called to join the Church triumphant. They were faithful Christians, consistent members of the Church, loyal Methodists, liberal supporters of all Methodist causes, laying up for themselves treasures in heaven.

Though of very moderate means, Brother Donathen contributed one hundred dollars to the repair of this Church, in the year 1922, while Rev. George Swayne was the pastor. These good Saints of God, separated a few years by the death of the devoted wife, have been for some few years reunited in the glory land, together with a precious daughter, Mary D. Bock, and five baby sons, who preceded them to that place of beauty where sorrow and partings are no more. One daughter, Carrie D. Runk, still lives. These daughters, from earliest recollection, brought to this Church to worship by this grand and noble mother and father, gave their young hearts to Jesus, during the pastorate of Rev. J. Z. Lloyd, later joining the Church while Rev. J. K. Knisely was pastor in charge. Mrs. Runk, together with her estimable husband, George Geyer Runk, hold membership here and are loyal workers for the upbuilding and the going forward of the Fannettsburg Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Family United In God's Service

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Joshua 24:15.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God."—Luke 18:16.

"Each of us is bound to do our part toward making the little circle in which we live better and happier; each of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the widest good may flow; that out of a single household may flow influences which shall stimulate the whole commonwealth and the whole civilized world."—Arthur P. Stanley.

Parents who appreciate the fact that the home is the first and greatest school of religion will endeavor to organize the whole life of the family for religious purposes, for the purpose of growing lives into spiritual wholeness. They will bend every effort to secure a real religious atmosphere and soil in which souls can really grow. They will see the family as the greatest opportunity life affords to grow other lives and to bring them to spiritual fullness by providing those conditions necessary to spiritual life and growth. These conditions are not easily created, they cannot be readily defined, nor can simple directions be given for their creation, yet to secure and maintain them is the first and greatest responsibility of Christian parents.

"When little children were brought into the presence of the Son of God his disciples proposed to send them away; but He said, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me.' Unto me; He did not send them for first lessons in morals to the Pharisees, or to the unbelieving Sadducees, nor to read the precepts and lessons phylacteried on the garments of the Jewish priesthood; He said nothing of different creeds nor clashing doctrines, but He opened at once to the youthful mind the everlasting fountains of living waters, the only source of eternal truths: 'Suffer little children to come unto me.' And that injunction is of perpetual obligation. It addresses itself today with the same earnestness and the same authority which attended its first utterance to the Christian world. It extends to the ends of the earth, it will reach to the end of time, always and everywhere sounding in the ears of men, with an emphasis which no repetition can weaken, and with an authority which nothing can supercede: 'Suffer little children to come unto me.'"—Daniel Webster.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee, the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace. Amen.

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